



ALEXANDRIA.
WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 5.

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From Washington

(Special Correspondence of the ALEX. GAZETTE.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 5, 1888.

In the House to-day Mr. Stahnecker, democrat of New York, rose to a personal explanation, and had read an article from the New York World of this morning's date, stating that he is the member of the House referred to in the resolution introduced by Mr. Kelley, republican of Pennsylvania, yesterday, as having influenced architect Smithmeyer, in the latter's awards of contracts for the new Congressional library building. He said his feelings would not permit him to express himself further on the subject, in the House, than to say that if the resolution was directed toward him, there was no ground for it, except possibly to deflect the nunt from the right object. His reputation, he said, was safe at home, and he believed he had the respect of his colleagues here, and that the principles of honesty had been grounded in him too early in life and been operating too long for him to forget them now. He said he demanded the fullest and most searching investigation of the utterly groundless charge. He was loudly applauded on the democratic side. It is reported that Mr. Stahnecker says if Smithmeyer comes in his way he will smack his jaws. One of the members of the commission to superintend the erection of the library, told the GAZETTE's correspondent this morning that he really believes Smithmeyer is crazy.

In the Senate to-day, after the morning hour, Mr. Pascoe, democrat of Florida, made a speech defending the democrats of Louisiana and the Southern States generally from the charges brought against them by the republican Senators, for political effect in the present campaign, of suppressing the colored vote. As Mr. Vest has a copy of the book on the tariff prepared by Mr. Talbot, democratic clerk of the Ways and Means Committee, before him, it is supposed that if he shall have an opportunity he will again have civil service reform up-to-day.

In the morning hour in the Senate the consideration of the resolution directing the District commissioners to revoke their order prohibiting the erection of overhead electric wires was postponed until to-morrow. The bill for the repair of a church in Tennessee destroyed by the U. S. army during the war between the States, was amended by Mr. Mitchell, at the instance of Mr. Hoar, whose loyal sensibilities couldn't stand the phraseology, by striking out the italicized words.

The House to-day resumed the consideration of the bill to prohibit U. S. district and circuit courts from taking original jurisdiction in cases between corporations and citizens of the respective States by which the said corporations are chartered. The House yesterday passed the bill to refund so much of the tax as was paid as an additional tax on tobacco, cigars and cigarettes sold or removed for sale on the 3d day of March, 1875.

It is said here that the democratic committee of this city is having a great deal of difficulty in raising money; that many of the residents of the District who have heretofore been large contributors to the democratic fund now refuse to subscribe a single cent, and that the few who do subscribe do so with an illiberal hand.

In the House to-day Mr. Oates, democrat of Alabama, the leader of the successful fight against the refunding of the direct land tax, introduced a resolution for the adjournment of the present session of Congress on the 20th inst. It was referred to the Ways and Means Committee. Its introduction was applauded on both sides of the House. Few suppose it will be adopted, but all look upon it as at least the beginning of a commutation devotedly to be desired.

News continues to be received here from the Danville district, Virginia, to the effect that the nomination of Judge Blackwell for Congress by the republicans of that district has given a great deal of dissatisfaction to many republicans in most of the counties of the district, and that the attack made upon Mr. Brown, the present republican representative from the district, by a negro in the nominating convention, will be resented by Mr. Brown's numerous friends at the election, irrespective of Mr. Brown's wishes.

French, the man who cut his own throat here last Saturday, died to-day at Meyer's Hotel, on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Tournament in King George.

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KING GEORGE C. H., Sept. 3, 1888.—A tournament was held at this place on Wednesday last. The knights were nineteen in number, composed of the following young gentlemen: James H. Boggs, Knight of Olympic; Vivian Turner, Knight of Woodland; George Turner, Knight of Walsingham; Willie Turner, Knight of Rob Roy; W. B. Mitchell, Knight of Lancaster; W. P. Billingsley, Knight of Blighed Hope; T. C. Payne, Knight of Colonial Beach; A. B. Hoar, Knight of My Lady's Cause; L. L. Coghill, Knight of Kiss Me Jock; D. J. Dingerling, Knight of Waterloo; W. C. Minor, Knight of Siloh; B. C. Perkins, Knight of Rolling Tide; Tayloe Pollock, Knight of Argyle; Withers Boggs, Knight of Lothian; W. P. Queenberry, Knight of Flying Cloud; Lewis Ashton, Knight of Chotauk; Frank Taylor, Knight of White Ribbons; Tayloe Washington, Knight of Westmoreland; J. Q. Stiff, Knight of King George, acted as marshal and Messrs. W. A. Rose, H. H. Hunter and J. S. Dickinson acted as judges. The riding of the knights was superb, and the contest was indeed spirited. The successful knight being Mr. T. C. Payne, Knight of Colonial Beach, who crowned the charming and handsome daughter Colonel R. J. Washington, Queen; Mr. W. P. Billingsley, Knight of Flying Cloud, crowned the sweet and pretty Miss Nannie Rogers 1st Maid of Honor; Mr. A. B. Hoar, Knight of My Lady's Cause, crowned the sweet Miss Grace Wise, of Washington, D. C., 2d Maid of Honor; and Mr. Tayloe Washington, Knight of Westmoreland, crowned the lovely debutante, Miss Fannie Smith, 3d Maid of Honor. The coronation took place on the lawn in Dr. Hunter's place and the beauty and loveliness of the scene was exquisite. After the coronation the queen and her fair maids with their gallant knights and a host of others, were invited by the vivacious and lovely Miss Susie Mason to an entertainment given at Cleveland, the home of Major J. J. Mason, where hospitality and the grace of entertaining ever hold their highest sway. The night flew by on the wings of fleeting minutes to the happy echo of song and blithe-some trip of fair feet in the merry dance; only halting to be called to an elegant repast, after which on went the gaudies till the hour of 2 o'clock was being chimed; then good byes were said. With the wish from this writer to all the bright eyes who were present, may we meet again under like skies.

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